machinery optimally to reduce the rigors of intrusive and indiscriminate inspections. Further necessary legal and penal action is also taken against the employers who default in payment of dues in time.

Affairs of EPF organisation

4603. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posting and transfer of officers has became a trade/business in the EPF organisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even the compassionate appointments are held up for more than six months in cases of sudden demise of the staff of Group C employees; and

(c) if so, the number of cases pending/held up for more than six months and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has formulated a policy for transfer and placement of Gr. 'A' Officers to the stations situated all over India. The transfer policy largely takes into account the criteria of tenure, geographical span of movement, special consideration for husband & wife and for officers on the verge of superannuation and rotation amongst functional areas.

(b) and (c) No proposal for compassionate appointment is pending for more than six months in respect of Group 'C employees.

Measures to control unemployment

4604. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unemployment in the country has been growing at an alarming rate and frustration has been building up among the unemployed educated youth;